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1. In December 1951, [REDACTED] the improvement of roads in this district was being accelerated under pressure from the Soviets. Roads that have been improved to date include: Johanngeorgenstadt-Schwarzenberg road, which was resurfaced in April and May 1951; Johanngeorgenstadt-Eibenstock road, which was resurfaced at the same time; Aue-Schwarzenberg and Aue-Uberschlema roads, which were widened by two meters and reinforced in the summer and fall of 1951. Dippoldiswalde-Dresden road, which was completely reconditioned in the course of 1951. *

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2. [REDACTED] work on the construction of the bridge over the Oder River in Frankfurt/Oder on National Highway No 5 had progressed so that the placing of the steel superstructures might begin in the second half of February 1952. The 600-ton barge required for this operation, which was chartered from the Deutsche Schifffahrts- und Umschlagsbetriebszentrale (German Navigation and Transshipment Central (DSU), will be equipped by the Bau-Union firm in Dresden. [REDACTED] bridge construction work was proceeding according to schedule. **

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3. Between 6 and 11 December 1952, [REDACTED] no unusual construction work on the autobahn near Frankfurt/Oder. However, wells to secure the water supply required for construction purposes were being dug on the autobahn between Oderstrom and Gueldendorf. **

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4. [REDACTED] the following quantities of fuel were allocated for civilian consumption for the first quarter of 1952:

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Gasoline	1,430	tons	
Diesel oil	1,70	tons	
Automobile oil	145	tons	
Purified benzol	2.45	tons	***

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gasoline coupons would be issued to owners of motor vehicles. These coupons would authorize their holders to draw gasoline at public filling stations at a price of 0.70 eastmarks per liter. At Trade Organization (TO) shops, gasoline is obtainable at a price of three eastmarks, while it costs from 1.3 to 2 eastmarks per liter on the blackmarket.

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* Comment. Information on road construction work in the uranium mining district, which is being carried out by order of the Soviet Corporation Plant Wismut, was transmitted previously. The road between Dresden and Dippoldiswalde is the northern sector of National Highway 170, which runs from Dresden to Teplitz in Czechoslovakia.

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** Comment. The replacement of the temporary road bridge over the Oder River near Frankfurt/Oder by a permanent structure was reported previously.

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The amounts of fuel allocated appear to be very low, particularly if it is considered that it must cover the requirements of the entire civilian motor transport of the Soviet Zone of Germany. The tabulation of fuel allocations does not seem to be a partial list. There is a possibility that the Soviet Zone authorities intend to extend the state-controlled black-market operations in gasoline as conducted by the Trade Organization shops.

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